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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4165

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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE - GENERAL DO MAU

1. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING A LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM RETIRED VIETNAMESE GENERAL DO MAU, FORMER DIRECTOR OF MILITARY SECURITY UNDER PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM AND A KEY FIGURE IN THE 1963 COUP AGAINST DIEM. MAU ALSO SERVED AS MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND AS VICE PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND IS WELL KNOWN TO MANY AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

2. DO MAU AND HIS FAMILY ARRIVED IN THAILAND ON MAY 5 ON A PRIVATE FISHING BOAT AND ARE BEING HELD IN A THAI REFUGEE CAMP AT SATTAHIP. IN HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT AND IN A SEPARATE LETTER TO THE EMBASSY MAU NOTES THAT:
-- HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE PLACED IN THE ACTIVE FILE FOR EVACUATION BY JAMES ASHIDA AND S.C. LOWMAN OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON. EMERGENCY CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN SAIGON AT THE LAST MOMENT, HOWEVER, PREVENTED HIM FROM MAKING CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY.
-- HE AND HIS FAMILY THEN PUT TO SEA WITH THE HOPE OF MEETING A U.S. SHIP, BUT AFTER EIGHT DAYS AT SEA ARRIVED OFF THE COAST OF THAILAND NEAR SATTAHIP WITHOUT MAKING CONTACT.

3. MAU WRITES, "CONSIDERING THAT I WAS AND CONTINUE TO BE

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A PERSON WHO ACTIVELY FIGHTS AGAINST COMMUNISM DURING NEARLY

MY WHOLE LIFE, IT IS A CERTAINTY THAT MY LIFE AND MY FAMILY MEMBERS' LIVES ARE SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED BECAUSE, IF EVER WE ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO CONSIDERED ME AS ONE OF THEIR WORST ENEMIES, I AND MY FAMILY SHALL ALL BE EXECUTED. CONSEQUENTLY, I AND MY FAMILY ARE NOW BEGGING YOUR PERMISSION TO EVACUATE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE UNITED STATES, BY GIVING SPECIAL AND URGENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES UNDER YOUR COMMAND FOR PROMPT ACTION."

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO PAROLE DO MAU AND FAMILY. MASTERS

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